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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

PLEAS:

- Jerry Haymon, 45, of Schererville, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Rudy Lozano to the felony offense of wire fraud charged in an Indictment alleging a scheme to defraud lenders and others by providing false information on loan applications and HUD-1 settlement statements; and to an Information charging tax evasion. Sentencing has been set for 3/7/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.
- Marcus Gilyard, 25, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offense of selling a firearm to a convicted felon. Sentencing has been set for 3/26/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.
- Mario Ruff, 29, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 3/9/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Terrance A. Casarez, 39, of Chicago Heights, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 12 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of aiding and abetting and possession with the intent to distribute hydrocodone pills in the case *US v Wiley et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Diane Berkowitz.